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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

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1-106 (Canceled)

107. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 102 131, further comprising a

number of at least one additional sealings sealing with a distance to said first and second sealing

and each with mutual distance, and wherein said at least one additional sealings sealing each

seals one or more of the edges of said layers of first filtration medium and/or of the edges of said

spacer medium and where the edges of said first filtration medium and said spacer medium

<u>located</u> between each <u>sealing</u> <u>of said sealings</u> are unsealed.

108. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 102 131, wherein said sealing

comprises sealings are part of or connected to an end cap and said end cap provide provides open

spaces comprising bypass spaces between said sealings, where such that contaminated liquid or

filtered liquid can enter into said bypass spaces and further downstream of said filter can enter

into said first filtration medium and or said spacer medium through said the edges of said first

filtration medium and and/or said spacer medium.

109. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 108, wherein said end cap

further comprises perforations in the end cap itself in the area outside of the an area upstream of

said first sealing, and such that contaminated liquid can run through said perforations before

entering said first filtration medium or said spacer medium.

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110. (Currently amended) The filter according claim 104 131, wherein said first

filtration medium and said spacer medium have pores and the said pores of the said spacer

medium are larger than the said pores of the said first filtration medium.

111. (Canceled)

112. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 102 132, wherein said first

filtration medium and/or said second filtration medium is produced by a product selected from

the group of polymers, paper, plant fibres, peat, humus, plastics, wool, cotton, rock wool,

cellulose, coal fibre and/or glass wool.

113. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 112 132, wherein said first

filtration medium and/or said second filtration medium is produced by sheets of cellulose fibres

and/or polymer fibre.

114. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 102 113, wherein said

cellulose fibres are made hydrophobic by treatment with compounds selected from the group of

wax, starch, natural resins, synthetic resins, water insoluble polyvinyl alcohol, hydroxyethyl

cellulose, ethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, polyacrylate resin, alkyd resin, polyester

resin.

115. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 104 132, wherein said first

spacer medium and/or said second spacer medium is produced by a product selected from the

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group of polymers, paper, plant fibres, plastics, wool, cotton, rock wool, cellulose, coal fibre,

metal and/or glass wool.

116. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 102 131, wherein the filter

further comprises at least one perforated core.

117. (Previously presented) The filter according to claim 116, wherein the core is

produced by polymer or metal.

118. (Canceled)

119. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 104 116, wherein the at least

one first filtration medium and the at least one spacer medium are overlying one another and

spirally surrounding the central core.

120. (Currently amended) The filter according to claim 116, wherein said at least one

downstream zone of the first filtration medium form an inner a zone adjacent to said core of

, comprising a zone without said spacer medium, and said inner zone comprises at least 1 round

of said first filtration medium.

121. (Previously presented) The filter according to claim 108, wherein said end cap is

closed in the area of said inner zone, and perforated in the area outside of said inner zone.

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(Canceled)

122.

123. (Currently amended) The filter house according to claim 122 135, wherein said at

least one filter cartridge is at least 2 filter cartridges.

124. (Currently amended) The filter house according to claim 122 135, wherein said

filter house comprises a container, which has at least one opening means and through which at

least one opening means said filter cartridges can be changed.

125. (Currently amended) The filter house according to claim 122 135, wherein said

filter house comprises at least one entry for contaminated liquid and at least one exit for a

draining tube.

126. (Canceled)

127. (Currently amended) Use of A method for utilizing a filter according to claim

<del>102</del> <u>131</u>.

128. (Currently amended) The use method according to claim 127 for filtering water

contaminated with one or more compounds and/or particles selected from the group of oil, sand,

soil particles, bacteria, yeast, organic flocculation, dust, plant parts, ochre, humus, plant nutrient.

129. (Currently amended) The use method according to claim 128 for filtering

contaminated liquid within areas selected from the group of factories, sewage works, paint

factories, paper factories, ships.

130. (Currently amended) The use method according to claim 129 for filtering water

contaminated with oil at ships.

131. (New) A filter for liquid filtration, said filter comprising:

a plurality of layers of a first filtration medium, each layer having a filtration area and at

least one edge;

a plurality of layers of a spacer medium, each layer having a filtration area and at least

one edge, wherein;

said layers of said first filtration medium and said layers of said spacer medium are

positioned alternately and with said filtration area of said layers of said first filtration medium

and of said layers of said spacer medium faced towards each other;

a downstream zone of at least one layer of said first filtration medium, said downstream

zone positioned downstream in relation to said plurality of layers of said spacer medium;

a first sealing for blocking direct entrance of liquid to be filtered into at least one edge of

said downstream zone;

a second sealing positioned upstream of said first sealing and downstream of at least one

layer of said first filtration medium or said spacer medium, said second sealing blocking direct

entrance of liquid to be filtered into at least one edge of a layer of said first filtration medium

and/or of said spacer medium;

wherein liquid to be filtered can enter into said filter through said filtration area of the most upstream layer of said first filtration medium or said spacer medium or through the at least one edge of said first filtration medium and/or of said spacer medium.

132. (New) The filter according to claim 110, further comprising at least one layer of a

second filtration medium and/or at least one layer of a second spacer medium.

133. (New) The filter according to claim 132, wherein said at least one layer of a

second filtration medium and/or at least one layer of a second spacer medium comprises a

plurality of layers of said second filtration medium and/or of said second spacer medium, each

layer having a filtration area and at least one edge;

wherein said plurality of layers are positioned in an alternating structure with said first filtration medium and said spacer medium with said filtration area located towards each other

and/or said first filtration medium and said spacer medium are located in one zone of said filter

and said second filtration medium and/or said second spacer medium are located in a more

upstream zone of said filter in an alternating structure of second filtration medium and second

spacer medium with the filtration area located towards each other.

134. (New) The filter according to claim 133, wherein said pores of said first filtration

medium are smaller than aid pores of said second filtration medium and/or said pores of said

spacer medium are smaller than said pores of said second spacer medium.

135. (New) A filter house having at least one filter cartridge with a filter, said filter comprising:

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a plurality of layers of a first filtration medium, each layer having a filtration area and at least one edge;

a plurality of layers of a spacer medium, each layer having a filtration area and at least one edge;

said layers of said first filtration medium and said layers of said spacer medium positioned alternately and with said filtration area of said layers of said first filtration medium and of said layers of said spacer medium faced towards each other;

a downstream zone of at least one layer of said first filtration medium, wherein said downstream zone is positioned downstream in relation to said plurality of layers of said spacer medium;

a first sealing for blocking direct entrance of liquid to be filtered into at least one edge of said downstream zone;

a second sealing positioned upstream of said first sealing, said second sealing blocking direct entrance of liquid to be filtered into at least one edge of a layer of said first filtration medium and/or of said spacer medium;

wherein liquid to be filtered can enter into said filter through said filtration area of a most upstream layer of said first filtration medium or said spacer medium or through the at least one edge of said first filtration medium and/or of said spacer medium.

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136. (New) A method of producing a filter, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of layers of a first filtration medium with a filtration area and at least one edge;

providing a plurality of layers of a spacer medium with a filtration area and at least one edge;

organizing the layers of the first filtration medium and the layers of the spacer medium with the filtration area of the first filtration medium and the filtration area of the spacer medium facing towards each other to acquire alternate layers of the first filtration medium and the spacer medium and with at least one layer of the first filtration medium having a downstream zone located at a most downstream part of the filter;

sealing an edge of at least the most downstream layer of the downstream zone with a first sealing, such that the first sealing blocks direct entrance of liquid to be filtered into the edge of the first filtration medium of the downstream zone,

sealing at least the edge of one layer of the first filtration medium and/or of the spacer medium with a second sealing in a position upstream of the first sealing and hereby obtaining a filter.

137. (New) A method of producing a cylindrical filter, the method comprising:

providing at least one layer of a first filtration medium with a filtration area and at least one edge;

providing at least one layer of a spacer medium with a filtration area and at least one edge;

providing a perforated core;

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positioning the at least one layer of the first filtration medium and the at least one layer of the spacer medium over each other with the filtration area of the first filtration medium and the filtration area of the spacer medium facing towards each other and with the layer of the first filtration medium extending at least a distance corresponding to a circumference of the perforated core;

rolling the at least one layer of the first filtration medium and the at least one layer of the spacer medium around the perforation core, starting with the extending first filtration medium;

obtaining a downstream zone of the first filtration medium close to the perforation core and alternate layers of the first filtration medium and the spacer medium surrounding the downstream zone,

sealing an edge of at least one of the first filtration medium of the downstream zone with a first sealing, such that the first sealing blocks direct entrance of liquid to be filtered into the edge of the first filtration medium of the downstream zone,

sealing at least the edge of one layer of the first filtration medium and/or of the spacer medium with a second sealing in a position upstream of the first sealing, and hereby obtaining a cylindrical filter.